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middle of blade portion 12, a width of about 30mm.

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1. (Once Amended) A hockey stick blade or replacement blade for the game of ice hockey, said blade comprising:

- a blade portion having two lateral outer surfaces;
- at least one of said outer surfaces having a molded outer layer defining a rough surface finish on at least a portion of said at least one outer surface, said molded outer layer adapted to enhance friction between said blade portion and a puck.

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14. (Once Amended) A hockey stick blade or replacement blade for the game of ice hockey, said blade comprising:

- a blade portion having two lateral outer surfaces;
- at least one of said outer surfaces having at least one shock-absorbing element embedded into said at least one of said outer surfaces.

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